

TOWN OF GRANBY



1903 - 1948



1948 - 1950



1951 - 1964



1964 - Present



2015 CALENDAR
2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF GRANBY Incorporated 1786

15 NORTH GRANBY ROAD
GRANBY, CONNECTICUT 06035-2125
(860) 844-5300

WILLIAM F. SMITH, JR.
TOWN MANAGER

Dear Residents,

Most of us have some knowledge or may have heard of Granby's recent credit rating upgrade. A town's credit rating is somewhat similar to an individual's credit rating score. That is, with a high score one might receive a better interest rate when borrowing money. As you might suspect, a lower interest rate can save thousands of dollars over the life of borrowing. For example; a 4.0% interest rate on a \$300,000 loan for 20 years will cost about \$135,000 in interest. At 3% the interest on the same loan would be closer to \$100,000. At 2.5% the total interest would drop to around \$80,000.

Lower interest rates of municipal borrowing, referred to as bonds, saves tax dollars in the same way. When municipalities go out to borrow, it is typically for much higher funding, usually in the millions. While there are many more and different facets involved in municipal borrowing, a lower interest rate saves more. Obtaining a high bond rating score accomplishes at least two things. First, it will lower our interest rate. Second, it will capture more attention from investors that will likely lower rates even further.

Rating agencies look very closely at municipal finances during a rating review. Several years ago, Granby had a rating of A+ with Standard & Poors (S&P). We called for a review and were upgraded to an AA score. This was a two-step upgrade and resulted in considerable savings when we bonded \$8,700,000 in February 2013 for various town and school projects. Our average interest rate was 2.4%. We recently were asked by S&P to conduct another rating review. This review consisted of many questions concerning recent audit reports, as well as what direction the town is headed financially. In the end, we were given another rating agency upgrade. Granby now retains a AA+ rating. This rating indicates that Granby has a VERY STRONG capacity to meet its financial commitments. It differs from the highest rated obligors only in small degree.

We should all be proud to be placed in this rating category. It results from hard work on the part of our elected officials, a high quality audit review, along with a dedicated staff, both in finance and in all other town departments.

Very truly yours,

William F. Smith, Jr.
Town Manager



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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

This being my first letter in the Annual Report I wanted to simply start by saying THANK YOU. I appreciate this opportunity to serve as your First Selectman and am grateful for the feedback that many of you give on a regular basis. The many boards and committees that I am lucky to serve with are professionals in every sense of the word and really give their blood, sweat, and tears to make our Granby a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Our town is truly blessed with all the volunteers, in all facets, that serve our community.

During my campaign I was very fortunate to meet many citizens of our great town who shared their thoughts, wishes, and concerns and asked that communication be paramount. On that front, we continue to improve the ways in which the town communicates with its residents. On a monthly basis, "Koffee with Kuhnly" is held. This is an informal session to discuss local items of concern with Granby residents. We continue to improve the town and department websites, and we have instituted regular department updates at our Selectmen meetings to inform residents of the happenings around town and solicit feedback and suggestions.

We have put forth some substantial improvements to various town gems including Holcomb Farm and Salmon Brook Park. At the Farm we are building a new "North" barn which will be an excellent meeting and gathering venue for all to enjoy. I would like to thank the Friends of Holcomb Farm for their generous donation to the project and their continued support as we move forward with this improvement. The Salmon Brook Park Recreation Building is completed with ample activity and meeting space for events hosted by the Recreation Department and others for leisure opportunities for all ages.

Collaboration in town government is critical in the years to come and we continue to take steps to be more efficient in our use of resources through opportunities to share services and equipment. We have formed the Intra-Board Advisory Committee which is researching matters of common interest and exploring opportunities and methods to improve town and school district services and we welcome your suggestions.

We also continue to look for opportunities with our neighbors to share equipment and services. Efforts to date have resulted in countless savings. Our town is a member and active participant in the Farmington Valley Collaborative, which fosters constant communication and collaboration among surrounding towns.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our town staff under the leadership of our Town Manager, William Smith, for their endless efforts of maintaining our roads, providing safety and security, providing social, recreation, and senior services, and the countless other amenities that we are fortunate to have in our town.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Scott Kuhnly
First Selectman

JANUARY 2015

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* Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of week.

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Mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes and the Granby Charter, the Town Clerk is responsible for the following services: Recorder of Deeds, Administrator of Elections, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Custodian of Public Records, Agent for State License, and Clerk-Town Meetings.

Fees collected and paid to Revenue Collector	\$313,861
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Land Records	\$42,410
Conveyance Tax	\$111,543
PA-02-229	\$55,980
Historic Preservation	\$1,555 (Town)
	\$3,110 (State)

Documents Recorded	1,648
Transfers Recorded	304
Maps Filed	23
Vital Statistics	\$8,994
(State) 24 Surcharges collected	\$456
(Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Cert.)	

Maps (filing fee)	\$250
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$10,212
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$942
Burn Permits Issued	\$725

Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town fees collected	\$178
State fees collected	\$7,535
Licenses issued by Town Clerk	415
Misc. Combos issued	197
Handicapped License	1
Lifetime licenses issued	192
Deer Tags	13
Pheasant tags issued	5
Connecticut Bird Stamps issue	5
HIP Permits Issued	5

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses – 1,117 issued	
Town fees collected	\$1,140
State fees collected	\$9,733
	(66 Surcharges)
Kennel licenses issued	11
Fidelco dogs licensed	0
Transfers / Replacement tags	4
Late fee's collected	\$564

Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 150
Absentee Ballots Issued - 117

ELECTIONS

11/05/2013 – Municipal Election
Electors qualified to vote - 7,108
Electors checked as voting - 2,805
(Absentee Ballots (AB) - 98)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

04/28/2014 – Annual Budget Referendum for Budget
Approval for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Machine vote:
Yes - 822 No - 604 (AB-19). Budget passed.

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2014)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	0	60	60
Deaths	58	42	100
Marriages	23	25	48

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and spring Election Conferences were attended to keep apprised of new developments in the Election Laws. Subject matter included absentee

ballot application and procedure, along with military and overseas balloting, campaign finance procedure, and procedures to be followed for local referendum. State Statutes and Public Acts are constantly changing and amending the laws; it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

Continuation of courses in governmental relations, government finance, parliamentary procedure, professional development, written communications, personnel management, public speaking, and computer courses are essential to maintaining the professional level of management required by the office.

A Historic Preservation grant was applied for and received in the amount of \$5,000. This will be used to remove vital records from bound books, microfilmed for security, and placed in vital binders where they will be more easily accessible for copying. Having vital records microfilmed is essential for the preservation and security of these permanent records. Microfilmed records stored offsite is important to this office in the event of a disaster.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

The Granby Police Department continues to provide quality modern police services to the citizens of Granby. The Department is led by Chief of Police Carl Rosensweig and Captain William Tyler who together have 34 years of police experience. With the addition of a detective/youth services officer, the police department now has an authorized strength of 16 sworn officers. Since the last annual report, two officers have resigned and a new officer has been hired. Our newest officer, Christina Barrow, comes to the Granby Police Department from the Avon Police Department, where she retired as a Lieutenant. Staffing a police department is always a challenge. An officer can resign or retire with two weeks' notice and it takes about a year to hire and train a new officer. In order to provide the high level of service the citizens of Granby expect and deserve, the police department will be proactive in attempting to stay ahead of anticipated retirements and keep staffing levels up. The Police Department is actively recruiting entry level officer candidates, as well as, experienced certified officers from other police departments.

Highly trained officers provide the best service to the community. In Granby, the officers now participate in a regional training program for one week each year. In addition, officers receive training in specialized areas, such as investigations, firearms, and defensive tactics.

Traffic complaints are one of the most frequent complaints received by the police department. The department uses traffic/speed monitoring trailers to alert operators to their speed on our roadways, while also collecting data for later analysis on driving habits through such parameters as traffic volume, direction of traffic, time of day and day of week, all of which allows for a better allocation of patrol resources. The devices are very effective at comparing citizen perception of traffic issues with actual data.

The police department has continued to work with state and local emergency planners to be even better

prepared for the inevitable future emergency. Local, regional, and state-wide drills have better prepared all town departments to handle major emergencies.

The Granby Police Department continues to be an active participant in the North Central Region. This collaborative regional planning and operational effort is comprised of the police departments from the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. The result is a cadre of personnel trained in special areas of expertise that are available to respond as necessary. The areas include SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction. Additionally, the department maintains a strong collaboration with the Lost Acres Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide the highest level of service during a major incident affecting the town.

As always, the Granby Police Department is ready, capable, and willing to respond to the needs and requests for service from our community on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis.



INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

All towns in Connecticut are authorized by the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act to regulate wetlands and watercourses. In Granby, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing the boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for ac-

tivities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have adverse impacts to regulated natural resources. Generally, the Commission reviews all activities within wetlands and watercourses and reviews activities that are outside of these areas but within 100 feet of wetlands and within 200 feet of watercourses.

The Commission is a seven-member board. Membership on the Commission did not change during fiscal year 2013-2014.

Dave Tolli continues to effectively guide the Commission in his role as Chairman. During this fiscal year the town once again contracted with the North Central Conservation District, Inc. to provide the services of a consulting Wetlands Agent. This arrangement has served the town well over the past years. The agent, David Askew, is a certified Soil Scientist who lives in Granby. Throughout the year the town's Building Office and Office of Community Development regularly consult with the Wetlands Agent regarding a variety of wetland policies, issues, and complaints.

In fiscal year 2013-2014, the Commission acted on over 10 requests for review and permit applications. Three full permits were approved by the Commission. The Commission also delegated six minimal impact permits to the Wetlands Agent for approval. Minimal impact permits are for activities that occur in the upland review area that are unlikely to have any impact on adjacent wetlands or watercourses. The Commission also determined that three proposed activities, including two logging operations were either exempt from permitting by statute or were not regulated activities. Finally, the Commission addressed a violation of a previously issued permit. Action on the violation is still pending.

The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but assisted applicants in an effort to minimize wetland impacts with constructive modifications or conditions of approval. The Wetlands Agent conducted several inspections of on-going projects to ensure compliance with permit conditions and inspected several other activities to determine if permits were required.

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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

LAFD is dependent on its volunteer members to ensure it provides the services required of us by the residents of the Town of Granby. This year saw significant changes in our ranks at all levels; we promoted three waiting list members to active status; Kevin Gelinas, John Reek, and Bill McHugh. Charles Warren retired as Treasurer and handed over his duties to newly elected Treasurer Joe Harmon. Firefighter Ken Davis and Captain Roger Thibodeau retired from active service with the department. New line officers were appointed, Jason Cooke – Lieutenant at North Granby, Steve Galuska – Lieutenant at West Granby, Steven George – Captain at Center Station and Bill George – Captain at North Granby. Two new executive positions were established. Bill Lee – was appointed Deputy Chief of Facilities/Equipment and Tim Weber – was appointed Deputy Chief of Training. We thank all of them for their commitment to improving the department and its operations. For those that have retired, we extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the hours of hard work and sacrifices made in support of the department.

LAFD started a Fire Cadet Explorer post this year. Training younger men and women in the fire service activities is a way to bolster our ranks of new firefighters, provide exciting opportunities to high school aged students, and provide the Town of Granby with improved support. Through the efforts of the Cadet Advisers – Lieutenants Steve Galuska, Sean Yucha, and Jason Cooke, and Firefighters Kent Chamberlain and Bill McHugh, the department started the program with five cadets; four of these cadets have successfully completed the training program that allows them to respond to LAFD calls. Those cadets are Dan Jacobs, Nate Jansen, Gino Desiraggo, and Alcide Lachapelle.

Recognition of our membership's dedication and support is accomplished on several fronts. This year is the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the LAFD Firefighters monument. We welcomed five members that were added at a ceremony held on Memorial Day at the Center Station. Members: Firefighter Kent Chamberlain, Lieutenant Jason Cooke, President Dave Demchak, Firefighter Robert Hazen Jr., and Firefighter

Doug Lampert will be added for reaching their 10 years of service with the department.

As a member of the Connecticut firefighting community, LAFD is required to comply with several CT OSHA mandates for firefighter safety. The officers, with help from our insurance carrier, CIRMA, underwent training and wrote updates to bring the department into full compliance. The efforts of the officers and department members in this area were recognized by an award from CIRMA. Compliance and full embracement of activities such as the procedures, policies, and OSHA mandates, provide for an improved, safe and efficient department. This has also been recognized by the improvement in the departments ISO rating which benefits all members of the Granby community.

Education and training of our members is the single largest activity that consumes most of our time. Deputy Chief Tim Weber coordinated drills throughout the year in all aspects of fire activities including live burns, a large tanker shuttle, Bradley Airport Triage procedures, motor vehicle extrication, and a review of the NIST and NFPA Fire Behavior Studies, as a few examples. The officers of the department participated in a class to improve their leadership and fire ground management skills. After achieving active status, members are encouraged to continue their training, besides the weekly drills managed by the department. This year was no exception with Deputy Chief Tim Weber, Captain Bill George, and Firefighter John Cote acquiring their Firefighter II certifications.

The LAFD leveraged technology to improve the communications within the department and expand our social media footprint with the public. We began the use of a Facebook page to provide timely messages and implemented a voice/text paging system, eDispatches, to supplement our emergency pagers and provide expanded notification to LAFD and Women's Auxiliary member's cell phones.

Our fire prevention program continued this year with the support of Firefighter/Committee Chairman Bill McHugh and other members of the department. School visits; an open house with demonstrations, and the distribution of our fire safety message were accomplished throughout September and October. Throughout the rest of the year, other events helped to continue the message, such as the Kelly Lane School Jog-a-thon with Hero's and Chief John Horr, Jr.'s presentation to the Men's Breakfast held at the Granby Senior Center.

Total Calls for the 2013 – 2014 Year:	210
Fires (cooking building, chimney, brush):	55
Rescues & Medicals:	13
Hazardous Condition (no fire):	28
Service Calls (water, odor, standby):	28
Good Intent (cancelled enroute):	8
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FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's office has a staff of three part-time employees. The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated and regulated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations require fire safety inspections in all buildings in Granby with exceptions to one and two family dwellings. Other responsibilities include enforcing hazardous materials regulations, plan reviews of proposed buildings, and determining a cause and origin of all fires and explosions.

Our main objective is to gain compliance with the CT Fire Safety Code. This is accomplished by working with the building owner, or the occupants, educating them as to how these improvements create a safer environment for all building occupants.

Working smoke alarms is one of the best ways to survive a house fire. Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside of every sleeping area, and on every level of the house including the basement. Batteries need to be replaced annually at a minimum, and smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. If you have questions about proper placement of smoke alarms, call the office. Have a plan to escape your house should a fire occur. This plan should include two ways out and an outside meeting place. Never reenter a house once evacuated due to an emergency until cleared by an emergency responder.

Office hours are varied but appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at (860) 844-5318.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

The Collector of Revenue is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes, sewer use charges, and sewer assessments. The office also processes most deposits to the General Fund from other town departments.

Tax collections for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,600. At the end of the fiscal year, 470 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2012 Grand List adjusted levy was \$33,064,702 and the net collections on the current levy were \$32,793,233.
- During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, 99.19% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2014 (including back taxes) was \$511,367.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with all town agencies (Police, Fire, EMS, Health, and Public Works Departments) along with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to develop and maintain the Granby Emergency Operations Plan. The Department of Emergency Management insures town plans are in compliance with state and federal requirements. They assist with the development and execution of emergency exercises and constantly work to improve Granby's capability to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and major storms.

The Town of Granby participated in a statewide emergency preparedness drill. The Emergency Operations Center was opened and all command staff were present. This year's exercise had a special emphasis on emergency sheltering. Although no major disasters were declared this year, being prepared does make a difference.

The Granby Community Emergency Response Team falls under Emergency Management. This is a team of 20 residents who train monthly and are available to assist during local or statewide emergencies or community events. The main mission of the team is to assist with the operation of an emergency shelter, but can be activated by the Emergency Management Director for other needs of the town.

As a resident, we ask that you be prepared and stay aware. Have a kit which should contain 72 hours worth of your basic needs of food, water, medicine, etc. We also ask that you be aware that information is available thru news media and the internet and sign up for our emergency notification system. The town can send messages to your home and cell phones, email address, and even a text but you must register for this information. Look for the CT Alert Link on the town website.

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RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

The Recreation and Leisure Services Director has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages. The Park and Recreation Board is a seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen and may advise the Recreation Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive fun experiences for ages 3-18 in a recreational atmosphere; these include soccer, basketball, and skiing. For adults, we offer various programs such as adult drop-in basketball, exercise classes, knitting, sewing, and more. We also coordinate a variety of bus trips throughout the year with neighboring communities.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for the town for major events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden, the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playscapes, and a dog park. Each

year Salmon Brook Park is host to summer concerts and events, a large lacrosse tournament, a fall fair, and countless games and practices for the local athletic leagues.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes day camp programs, tennis lessons, and a public swim area (pond) for those who want to enjoy cooling off in a natural setting.

The new building at Salmon Brook Park opened in October 2013. The building features a multifunction room, conference room, full service concession kitchen, and seasonal staff areas. The Administration offices of the Recreation and Leisure Services Department moved into the building in December 2013. Many residents have taken advantage of the new space, renting the multipurpose room for birthday parties, family reunions, graduation parties, and other events. Salmon Brook Park has been getting a bit of a facelift as the band shell recently received a fresh new look and the pavilions have received a fresh coat of paint. Residents can look forward to upcoming improvements of parking and lighting in the park.



OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Reminder – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) functions as a part-time service of the Police Department. Hours of availability for routine matters are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The MACO is assigned the responsibility of investigating and taking any appropriate enforcement actions regarding incidents involving domestic animals. Matters involving wildlife are referred to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) or nuisance wildlife operators licensed by the DEEP.

The MACO operates the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street. The shelter provides a safe haven, primarily for roaming dogs, which have been recovered or as a holding area while investigations are conducted.

The shelter continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding, and other supplies, which are greatly

appreciated and facilitate the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter. Arrangements can be made for picking up or dropping off donations by contacting the MACO through the Police Department at 860-844-5335.

For the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 the MACO handled the following calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs.....	128
Barking Dogs	63
Nuisance Dogs	7
Dog/Cat Bites.....	9
Cat Complaints.....	177
Cruelty Complaints	3
Other (farm animals, horses, cows).....	189
Total number of complaints investigated	576
Animals Impounded	96
Redeemed by Owner.....	90
Rabies Cases.....	3

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development is responsible for the administration of the town's overall land use and development process. The director oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses staff. The office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program. He is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program and he serves as the liaison with the Capitol Region Council of Governments, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Census Bureau, and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Development Commission and assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, and the Conservation Commission. The department also provides information as requested by other Boards and Commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

In addition to the work associated with the above responsibilities, in this fiscal year the director began working with the Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee on the re-write of the 2005 Plan of Conservation and Development. The State of Connecticut requires that this plan be updated every 10 years. The director also began working with a newly appointed Earth Excavation Subcommittee on the re-write of section 9 of the Zoning Regulations, concerning earth excavation. This year the director finished working with the Recreational Vehicles Subcommittee. The final report was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission in August.

In fiscal year 2013-14 the director worked on plans and designs for the Holcomb Farm, in response to the \$500,000 STEAP grant that the state approved for the farm. Construction activity will begin in FY 2014-15. The director was instrumental in getting

natural gas lines installed along Salmon Brook Street during this fiscal year. All available town schools and municipal buildings will be connected to the lines, resulting in a considerable savings in energy costs. This year the town's website was modified to include the town's GIS mapping, which is maintained through the Community Development Office.

In this fiscal year, 131 additional acres of land were permanently preserved as open space by the Granby Land Trust. The Director of Community Development assisted in the preservation of these properties as this preservation is supported by the town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The properties are located on Hartford Avenue, Higley Road, and Silkey Road.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town's economic growth. This year Jim Caldwell was welcomed as a new commission member.

In this fiscal year the Commission met numerous times to discuss Granby's commercial climate and to provide advice to the Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission regularly discusses ideas and methods of improving the Granby economy and makes recommendations and suggestions regarding development activities.

This fiscal year the Commission viewed and discussed the revised development plans for the Greenway Village (Rear of Mill Pond Road). The current plan, while adding four additional units, will actually reduce the overall area to be developed and lower the site development costs. The Commission sees a need within the town for multifamily rental units and feels that the proposed units will help to diversify the town's housing supply. The units will

have a substantial positive impact on the town's tax base and the new occupants can support our local businesses and perhaps become future buyers of homes here in town.

Unfortunately this year saw the sudden death of commission member Edward Guarco. Ed served on the Development Commission for 15 years and was highly valued for his insight on the development of the town. As a life-long resident, Ed witnessed Granby's many changes. As an outdoorsman, he supported the preservation of thousands of acres in Granby, but he also espoused the benefits of new housing and business growth. His untimely death is a significant loss to our community and he will be greatly missed.

In this fiscal year the Commission reviewed the report from the Recreational Vehicles Subcommittee and supported their recommendation of a Noise Ordinance.

This year the members made a special point to recognize farms as a part of the business community. Farms are not only an important part of the town's business community, but serve in the preservation of the town's traditional agricultural character. The Development Commission noted that agriculture has evolved throughout the years and agreed that Granby citizens, while recognizing some agricultural inconveniences, have clearly advocated for the preservation and expansion of farms. The Development Commission members hope to have a future meeting with the town's Agricultural Commission where common goals and objectives can be discussed.

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GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2013-2014 was the year of educational reform. Staff and students learned side-by-side. The adoption of the Common Core State Standards; the introduction of the Smarter Balanced Assessments; a new Administrator and Teacher Evaluation System; and, a host of other legislative requirements provided the backdrop for a challenging and productive school year.

Notable events included the use of the new athletic facilities; the recognition of Granby Memorial High School as a Connecticut State Department of Education *School of Distinction and Excelling High School*; a successful middle school one-to-one computing pilot; improvements in school safety; a thriving pre-school program; and, a successful budget referendum.

A very low cost-per-student spending and high levels of student achievement as measured by District Performance Indices for the Connecticut Mastery Test (92.5) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (90.8), the Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and

Advanced Placement exams guaranteed another terrific return on investment for the community. Granby is a great place to live and work and quality of life is enhanced by the school system. The June 2013 edition of *The Hartford Magazine* ranked the town first in the small town category for families and education.

In the fall, the school system is excited to extend Spanish instruction into 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades; offer 8th grade Chinese; provide enrichment programming for our highest achieving students at the intermediate schools; expand the one-to-one computing into grades 7-10; and, increase school safety measures.

Granby has long been known as a volunteer community and that spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools. Parents, senior citizens, businesses, churches, and local organizations all actively support Granby Public Schools and the reputation of the school system has only been possible with this high level of community support. The district thanks everyone that volunteers or donates their time and talents.



BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals in each Connecticut municipality is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on the assessments from aggrieved taxpayers and reviewing valuations set by the Assessor. This Board provides an opportunity for review and adjustment, before appeal is made to the courts. In exercising its functions as an appeal agency, the Board may reduce or increase a taxpayer's assessment through valuation change. The Board may also add to the Assessor's list the names of any property owners omitted and make supplemental lists of any taxable property omitted by the Assessor.

The Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Granby is comprised of three elected Granby residents: Chairman Lowell C. Johnson, James R. Sansone, and Celia Eggert.

The Board reviewed four appeals during the course of their meetings held in March of 2013. Of the properties reviewed, three received an adjustment.

Section 12-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires taxpayers who wish to contest the assessment of their properties to file written appeal notices with the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th. The Board will notify appellants of their hearing dates at least seven days before they are held.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Once again it's been a busy year for Department of Public Works (DPW) crews as we implemented and oversaw many projects approved by voters last year. Town crews razed a section of barn at the Holcomb Farm in preparation of a pavilion style addition. The parking lot at the Holcomb Farm was rebuilt resulting in a more organized parking area. Work at the recreation building at the Salmon Brook Park came to a conclusion and activities are in full swing. DPW took on the task of rebuilding the BOE tennis courts to give players an excellent facility to use. Emergency generator installations came to a conclusion at the Senior/Youth Center, Town Hall, and Route 10 pump station so that the facilities will be available during and after major storm events. Now that Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) has installed gas lines to the Town Hall Complex, we are preparing for the installation of new high efficient boilers.

Along with special projects, the department continued to handle its normal duties such as, snow and ice removal, athletic field mowing, road repairs, and building maintenance. We continued our program of replacing inefficient and repair prone vehicles and tools with new and innovative equipment and hardware, saving manpower and energy. A dump truck with plow replaced an aged truck improving reliability. A large tree chipper was replaced enabling us to better handle tree trimming operations throughout the year. Recycling and trash collection are also functions of the department. We are continually scrutinizing these programs for cost saving improvements and waste reduction. We work to provide excellent service to the residents while maintaining a cost effective program.

Public Works crews managed to keep the roads open and safe during 20 storms last winter. Although the number of inches of snow fall was slightly below average, the department had a higher than average number of call outs due to the extended cold, which resulted in icing. The Department utilized over 1,200 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. The entire state had to deal with a salt shortage, but fortunately the state provided the town with material as did two local contractors. From the spring to the fall, DPW employees logged over 1,000 hours of mower time in addition to many hours of string trimming, maintaining flower beds, and tree trimming activities. The department strives to meet the demands of all the varied activities that take place in our parks.

Building maintenance remains a primary focus of the department as residents continue to take advantage of the many programs and facilities offered by the town. Public Works crews clean and maintain 18 public buildings located throughout town. Our full and part time staff is dedicated and professional. We have skilled carpenters and irrigation specialists on staff, along with crew members who have knowledge of general electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. The town's Transfer Station is manned by our certified part time employees who are helpful and always willing to lend a hand to residents.

Street sweeping mileage totaled approximately 65 miles with the developments being the primary focus. During the fall of each year, leaves and debris are removed from road edges to improve water flow. This keeps the water from entering roadways and prevents freezing over during winter months as well as gutter wash outs. Approximately 850 catch basins are cleaned and inspected annually.

Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvement program. Overlay roads were chipped sealed first to prevent reflective cracking. New catch basins and curbing were installed as needed. The road reconstruction program targets streets that need extensive work to stabilize the base, improve drainage, and address drivability. As part of the Capital program a total of 3.35 miles were overlaid including the following:

Silver Street (partial)
Day Street (partial)

Brookside Drive
Floydville Road

Westview Drive
Hungary Road (partial)

Permeable mats were installed on Moosehorn and Doherty bridge decks to prevent water and salt damage to the structures. The bridge decks were then overlaid with two inches of pavement.

Our certified mechanics service over 60 pieces of equipment ranging from string trimmers to large loaders for the Public Works Department, Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agencies. Yearly, over 4,000 hours are dedicated to the repair and preventive maintenance of the town fleet.

Our Department of Public Works crew is proud of the professional work we do and will continue to do everything we can to keep costs down and provide service for our residents.



Construction of wash bays at the DPW is underway, keeping in compliance with the state's Storm Water phase 2 discharge regulations.

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The municipal election in 2013 saw the first implementation of Election Day Registration or EDR. EDR is available to all persons who are otherwise eligible to vote; those who are 18 years or older, a US citizen, and a bona fide resident of the town in which they are applying to vote. In total, the Registrars processed eight EDR applications, all of whom were able to vote in that day's election. Granby was proud to have a 39.47% voter turnout, which is considered high for a municipal election. EDR will be available again for the November 4, 2014 election.

Also new in 2014 is the option to register to vote online. A person may, with their DMV issued driver's license or CT identification, register to vote, check and/or change their current voter information, or change party affiliation. Please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sots.ct.gov to access online registration.

The Registrar's office is diligently working to ensure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During fiscal year 2014, we added 164 new voters, changed 886 records, and removed 325 voters from our official voter registry. As of June 25, 2014, there were 6,903 active registered voters in Granby; 2,790 Unaffiliated, 2,208 Republican, 1,825 Democrat, 62 Independent, 6 Green, and 12 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year there was a municipal election in November and one budget referendum in April.

The current Registrars are Laura Wolfe (Democrat) and Sarah Thrall (Republican), who took over when former Republican Registrar, Maureen Wolf, left in December. Registrar responsibilities include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries, and referenda, and certifying the official voter list. In addition, the Registrars must obtain ten hours of accredited training per year and attend the quarterly Hartford County meetings. The Registrars are responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers.

To contact the Registrars you can stop by Town Hall on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Email: vr.granby.ct@gmail.com, or leave a voicemail at: 860-844-5322.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Operating under the Office of Community Development, engineering services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E. The Town Engineer provides a wide range of services primarily to the Community Development Office and the Department of Public Works. He prepares plans for intersection improvements and all types of construction. He reviews development applications and advises the Director of Community Development. He attends Planning and Zoning Commission meetings as necessary. He reviews the engineering details of various projects and conducts field inspections, assuring that the construction of new roads comply with engineering standards and road specifications. The Town Engineer also inspects private roads to assure compliance with the specific approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission. During this fiscal year, one new town road, Gate House Road, and two private roads remained under construction. The Town Engineer meets with design engineers and offers suggestions and advice on the design of developments proposed for the Town of Granby.

This year the Town Engineer continued work on the Salmon Brook Street sidewalk project and the high school running track and field project. He consulted on Salmon Brook Park issues and the Department of Public Works garage addition and site plan. The engineer spent time working on the repair of the Holcomb Farm bridge and worked on a variety of site planning issues. He reviewed and commented on a number of proposals including Greenway Village, the Dunkin Donuts Drive-thru, Valley Brook Church, and Beman's Hardware. Additionally, in this fiscal year the Town Engineer attended the meetings and advised the Earth Excavation Subcommittee with the re-write of Section 9 of the Zoning Regulations.

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Holcomb Farm's trails are open to the public daily from dawn-to-dusk. Over 10 miles of marked trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing are maintained year-round. We invite you to come and visit the farm, experience the bio-diversity the property offers and reflect on the generosity of Tudor and Laura Holcomb.

Holcomb Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is one of the oldest and largest in the state, sustainably growing 40 kinds of fresh vegetables without any chemical pesticides on over 25 acres of land. Sustainable practices are used to grow healthy food while improving the soils and the watershed. We harvested over 110,000 lbs this year, serving over 375 local households.

Holcomb Farm's *Fresh Access* program helped address local hunger and nutritional needs by growing and distributing over 15,000 lbs of fresh produce to seniors and at-risk families in Granby and Hartford this past year.

In collaboration with the Granby Youth Services Bureau, The Friends of Holcomb Farm ran a 2013 Summer Youth Work Skills program, providing work and leadership skills to local youth over an eight-week period.

In 2014 The Friends of Holcomb Farm continued to provide the community with farm-based activities and support, including funding, and building a new stone patio outside of the Art Barn, stocking our farm store with local farm products, leading group hikes through the miles of farm trails, as well as holding chef-led cooking demonstrations on the techniques for cooking with local produce.

We thank the generosity of our friends and supporters in the community, which enables us to preserve, protect, and utilize this historic New England Farm.

Find out more at www.holcombfarm.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission consists of seven members that have been appointed to advocate on environmental matters for the town. The board has no regulatory powers but makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Planning and Zoning with regard to development plans.

During 2014, the commission has been creating a website that will serve as a resource for local conservation information. Highlights of the site will include GPS maps for Granby's hiking trails, a gallery of photos showcasing Granby's natural treasures, and details of past initiatives and upcoming projects.

Additional efforts this year included creating a software tool to assist in identifying environmentally sensitive areas, investigating ways to make Granby more bike friendly, and preparing to assist the state in a wildlife survey.

Efforts continue to promote the use of clean energy and the commission has had a tent at "Celebrate Granby" to provide information on the wealth of programs and incentives currently available from the state.

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PROBATE COURT

The Simsbury Regional Probate District encompasses the towns of Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury and is located in the Simsbury Town Hall. Cynthia C. Becker was elected as Judge of the Simsbury Regional Probate District for a four year term, commencing January 5, 2011.

The mission of the Simsbury Regional Probate Court is to assist individuals and families residing in the district who require the services of the court in an efficient and compassionate manner. The probate court strives to ease the process as much as possible, knowing that during stressful times it is difficult to cope with the unknown.

Although the staff and judge cannot provide legal advice to the users of the court, informational pamphlets are available and questions are always welcome. In addition, Judge Becker, in her capacity as Judge of Probate, is available to speak to community groups about probate matters.

Jurisdiction of the Court

Connecticut probate courts have jurisdiction over probating of wills, administration and settlement of decedent's estates, overseeing the carrying out of the terms and provisions of testamentary and living (inter vivos) trusts, and reviewing the accountings of trustees. In addition, probate courts appoint, supervise, and remove conservators of the person and estate of individuals incapable of managing their personal or financial affairs due to mental or physical disability. These areas represent over half of the court's workload.

The probate court also has jurisdiction over the appointment and supervision of guardians of the property and persons of minors and persons with developmental disabilities; the removal of unfit parents as guardians of their children; the termination of parental rights of parents who cannot fulfill their parental responsibilities; the adjudication of paternity of children born out of wedlock, and the finalization of adoptions. These matters make up about one third of the court's caseload, but are some

of the most sensitive and time-consuming responsibilities of the court.

While probate courts have jurisdiction to authorize the commitment of those suffering from mental illness and drug or alcohol addiction to appropriate hospitals or facilities for treatment, these cases represent a small percentage of the court's workload due mainly to the absence of psychiatric facilities in the region.

New Developments

The Connecticut Probate Assembly revised the Probate Practice Book which means that the users of the Probate Court will find there have been some procedural changes and new forms. The new Probate Court Rules of Procedure went into effect July 1, 2013. A complete copy of the Probate Court Rules of Procedure can be found at the judicial website: <http://jud.ct.gov/probate.CourtRules/default.htm> and a list of the new Probate Court forms can be found at www.ctprobate.gov.

2013-2014 Workload of Court

During the past year, 197 applications were accepted for probate of decedent's estates. In addition, 156 small estate affidavits and tax purposes only estates were filed. The court also processed 43 applications for Conservatorships, and several applications for Guardianships of the Estate and Person of minors, Guardianships of the Intellectually Disabled, Termination of Parental Rights, approval of Adoptions, Name Changes, and inter vivos trust matters.

Court Contact Information

The Probate Court is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, and is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Online information about the court is available on the website, located at www.jud.ct.gov, click on "probate". Many of the forms used by the probate courts are now available through the website.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The focus of the Social Services Department is to coordinate existing federal, state, regional, and local services, to increase community awareness of these services, and to develop new programs to meet the needs of Granby residents. Services offered directly through this office include:

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL - Over 1,000 personal and telephone inquiries were responded to with referrals being made to agencies for a wide range of services including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, day care, home health and nursing services, medical care, housing, and entitlement programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE - Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 146 households to assist with over \$98,650 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$12,315 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX RELIEF - Thirty-two applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of over \$15,000 to qualified applicants.

HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT - Over 70 participants enjoyed fresh organic vegetables from a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) share at the Holcomb Farm. Donations and Senior Center membership dues fund this project.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - Through the generosity of the Granby Community Fund Special Assistance Fund, the Salvation Army, many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups, the Local Assistance Fund received over \$30,985 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Seventy-four households were provided with emergency assistance. The Holiday Sponsorship Program, a town-wide effort of concern and generosity provided food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to over 60 households, and holiday gifts to 58 children.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 Hanukkah begins at sundown	7 BOS	8 CC P&Z	9 IWWC	10 	11 	12
13 	14 GLB GDC COA	15 ZBA	16 BOE	17 	18 	19
20 	21 BOS	22 P&Z First Day of Winter	23 	24 	25 MFC SR Christmas Day*	26
27 	28 BOF SR	29 SR	30 SR	31 SR New Year's Eve	<div> Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For infor- mation on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office. </div>	

*Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of the week.

TOWN MEETING KEY:

AC... Agricultural Commission 7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
 Board of Assessment Appeals Call Town Hall for dates & times
 BOE... Board of Education 7:00 p.m. Central Office
 BOF... Board of Finance 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
 BOS... Board of Selectmen 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

COA... Commission on Aging 1:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 CC... Conservation Commission 7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
 GDC... Granby Development Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 GLB... Granby Library Board 7:00 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries
 IWWC Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

P&R..... Park & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m. The Park House at SBP
 P&Z..... Planning & Zoning Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 YSAB... Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board 4:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 ZBA Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed SR = School Recess

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Overview: FY 2013-14 was an unusual year for both Granby Public Library (GPL) and Cossitt Library. In preparation for merging into the Consortium and to prepare for a new circulation/catalog system, GPL and Cossitt conducted a complete inventory of our holdings, withdrew damaged and outdated materials, and cleaned up our holdings and patron databases between September, 2013 and May 2014. Staff training began in late March and continued through the end of May; cataloging was suspended for about three weeks in May as all 30 libraries' records transitioned to the new system. On June 2, 2014 the new system opened up and patrons have been enjoying it since. What does this mean for our town residents? Consortia membership affords us a strong support system, a wealth of resources and materials, and a quick delivery system among the 30 libraries. We thank our patrons for their patience during this somewhat tumultuous year, where at times it must have been a bit frustrating as we "switched gears." We are certain that our membership and the new system will serve our community well in the coming years, providing a reliable safety net in harsh economic times for both libraries. It is our goal to be a deliberate point of destination for our town residents, to be a part of your daily life, either on the ground or online. We look forward to serving you in the coming year!

Public Programs and Outreach: FY 2013-14 kicked off with Dig into Reading, the 2013 Summer Reading Program for children, with over 60 programs offered at both libraries throughout the summer weeks. Teens and adults also participated in a summer reading program with grand prizes of iTunes gift cards (teens) and a Kindle ereader (adults) offered as incentives to read. Cossitt hosted a series of Evening Writers Get-Togethers in July and August, which continued with great enthusiasm throughout the year, as well as an historical program, "Spooky Tales of New England," on the lawn of the gazebo under a starry, starry sky. In November GPL offered a Marathon Writers' Day as part of National Novel Writing Month; our Crafter's Café evenings proved to be popular with cross-stitching, knitting, origami, hand-quilting and more. Our Sundays offered a variety of afternoon programs on music, photography, and art tutorials, as well as hosting the curators from the Mark Twain House and the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, the CT Historical Society, the CT Women's Hall of Fame and the CT Forum, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Granby Public Library. Other popular programs continued throughout the year: *Something about the Author*, the *Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club*, the *UnBook Club*, and our two writers groups.

Volunteers & Support Groups: Both libraries benefit from our volunteers, including high school students, who help the staff in a variety of ways, logging in over 958 hours of their time throughout the year. And, of course, both libraries are grateful to the ongoing support of the Friends of Cossitt Library, the Friends of Granby Public Library, the Granby Library Association, and the Granby Library Board whose endeavors help keep both libraries strong.

Technology Resources and Services: After the Labor Day holiday, Granby Public Library began circulating Nooks and Kindles for patrons to borrow and explore the wonder of ebooks (gifts from the GLA). Each ereader is loaded with about two dozen books (fiction and factual) for you to enjoy. We also sent our first Educator's Enewsletter to the Superintendent of Schools and the four principals, thus distributing valuable information to faculty about our free online databases. Our Enewsletters continue to be published on a monthly basis, as well as our Facebook presence and Pinterest boards – we have over 200+ 'likes' on FB and our Pinterest boards are filled with great reading suggestions for all ages and interests. These are just some of the ways that the libraries of Granby reach out beyond the four walls and keep in touch with our constituencies.

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LIBRARY SERVICES *continued from page 24***Circulation 2013-2014**

	GRANBY	COSSITT	TOTAL
Adult Books	31,300	1,624	32,924
Teen Books	3,267	222	3,489
Children's Books	29,779	3,385	33,164
Digital/Audio Ebooks & Video	3,206	<i>(counted in GPL)</i>	3,206
Online Database Usage	7,149	<i>(counted in GPL)</i>	7,149
*Ereaders	30	<i>(circulate at GPL)</i>	30
Adult Magazines	7,884	1,584	9,468
Teen Magazines	339	10	349
Children's Magazines	521	54	575
Adult Audio	5,019	287	5,306
Teen Audio	165	15	180
Children's Audio	763	77	840
Adult Movies	20,502	2,638	23,140
Teen Movies	1,931	48	1,979
Children's Movies	6,702	930	7,632
Adult CDROM / Games	464	0	464
Teen CDROM / Games	0	0	0
Children CDROM/Game	1	0	1
Realia/Puppets/Toys	182	36	218
Museum Passes	288	7	295
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	119,492	10,917	130,409
Total Transactions <i>(excluding online resources):</i>	231,835	21,834	253,669

	GRANBY	COSSITT	TOTAL
**Consortium Loans (New: June 2014)	521	103	624
Interlibrary Loans			
Borrowed	2,449	n/a	2,994
Loaned	849	n/a	849
CCard (out-of-town patrons)	15,356	n/a	15,356
Program Attendance	3,785	531	4,316
New Registrations	389	n/a	389
New Materials Added	7,013	1,274	8,287
Total Holdings	57,216	13,082	70,298

*NOTE: Ereaders began circulating Fall 2013

**NOTE: Granby and Cossitt Libraries joined the LCI Consortium as of June 2, 2014 (new ILS system)

ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list, and value all taxable real estate, motor vehicles, and personal property in the Town of Granby. It is important that no property is omitted, that each property is assessed to the correct person or persons, and that each property is assessed uniformly and according to law. These values, subject to a 70% ratio, result in the Gross Grand List. The Assessor then applies various exemptions as mandated by the Connecticut State Statutes and local ordinances, including veterans, elderly, disabled, blind, farm, forest and open space, etc. The final total, after exemptions are deducted, is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with the local, state and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The decrease in the net taxable assessment from the 2011 Grand List to the 2012 Grand List was (112,858,090), a 10.58% decrease. This decrease was predominately due to the 2012 Revaluation of Real

Estate which reflected a decline in the Real Estate market from 2007, the town's last Revaluation.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013 was established. This Supplemental Grand List totaled 10,144,443 generating \$353,300 in revenue. This was a slight increase from the previous year which seems to indicate that people are willing to purchase new vehicles.

The Connecticut State Law has changed, requiring all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2012. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2017. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.granby-ct.gov.

	2011 Grand List Fiscal Year 2012-2013	2012 Grand List Fiscal Year 2013-2014
REAL ESTATE	962,385,940	849,057,110
MOTOR VEHICLES	86,066,740	85,595,310
PERSONAL PROPERTY	18,547,720	19,489,890
Net Grand List	1,067,000,400	954,142,310
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	9,796,304	10,144,443
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	73,250,590	60,722,380

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is a five member board with three alternates, elected to interpret and vary the application of the Zoning Regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent and to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, or decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled five requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations and granted all five.

ZBA also approved one application filed pursuant to CGS§14-54(b).

SENIOR SERVICES

The mission of the nationally accredited Granby Senior Center is to maximize the social, physical and educational well being of older adults, nurture relationships and foster independence through involvement in the Senior Center community.

The Center offers a wide variety of social, educational, recreational, and health related programs as well as professional assistance where needed. The Granby Senior Center is a focal point of services and activities for the seniors in the community. A variety of programs are offered including: a Congregate Meal Program, exercise classes, billiards league, camera, art, needle working groups, educational and health programs, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, and the Senior Club. Other special programs include AARP Drivers' Course, Medicare counseling, and tax preparation assistance. Senior Services also provides assistance in the areas of transportation, benefit counseling, and referrals.

The Director of Human Services supervises the five staff members in this department including the Senior Center Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Transportation Coordinator, Senior Van Driver, and the Congregate Meal Preparer.

Senior Services Statistics

Senior Center Participants	875
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	245
Congregate Meal Program Participants .	126
Congregate Meals Served	4,757
Exercise Class Participants	265
Tax Preparation Assistance	145

Senior Services operates three senior vans to transport riders to activities at the senior center as well as for medical and personal care appointments, grocery shopping, health clinics, educational and social programs. The vans frequently travel for day trips to special events, recreational activities, sites of interest, and exhibits. Donations from riders, the Granby Community Fund, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation assist with funding the van service.

Senior Van Statistics

Number of Registered Riders	185
Hours of Operation	1,925
Miles Traveled	26,657
Number of Passenger Trips	6,642

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Lunch for the Mind developed by the Education Committee of the Civic Engagement Team served up eight diverse topics to eager participants. More than 200 people readied their gardens for winter with Barry Avery; gave thanks with George Ducharme; received travel advice from Mario DeiDolori; drew with cartoonist, Matt Ryan; heard poetry from Dylan Thomas portrayer, Glyn Dowden; cleared their clutter with Tracey Boyce; learned more about serving during Vietnam from Bob Venti; and found out there are more than just a couple of cemeteries in Granby from Carol Laun.
- ✓ Added to the health and wellness line up at the Senior Center are new support groups: Grief and Loss and Alzheimer's Support. Healthy Minds offers counseling for older adults coping with life's transitions and the new Reiki sessions offer stress reduction.
- ✓ The Senior Club continues its efforts to support the Senior Center. The money raised at the Wine & Cheese: Aging Gracefully event, Ice Cream Social, and First Annual Talent Show helped to offset the cost of converting the space recently vacated by the Park and Recreation Department into a counseling office and dedicated health office. New flooring, fresh paint, and a sink were added to make the space inviting and welcoming.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Director of Human Services administers the Granby Youth Service Bureau with support from the Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board. The Bureau receives income from many sources including municipal funding, grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education, and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, user fees, and donations.

As one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in the State of Connecticut, the Granby Youth Service Bureau is a leading prevention agency, providing short term counseling and support services for Granby youth and their families, as well as educational programming and opportunities for youth leadership and development. The staff consists of a Youth Services Coordinator, Master Level Clinicians, and select, well qualified Marriage and Family Therapy Interns.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ✓ In collaboration with Granby Memorial Middle School, the Youth Service Bureau brought a powerful drug prevention program to parents. PACT 360 was presented to 50 parents and was positively received. Parents were educated about the current drug use risks and trends, and given the tools they can use to help be the primary prevention force in the lives of their children.
- ✓ The Youth Action Council received the 2014 Community Service Award in the Youth Category. This group, known as YAC is made up of 9th-12th grade students with diverse interest, friends, and backgrounds who come together to work on common goals, to discover the needs, interests, and concerns of Granby teens and to actively serve Granby teens and the community. Programming included two 6th grade dances, a safe zone anti-bullying sticker project for both elementary and middle school aged children, and assisting the Youth Service Bureau staff at town

functions such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Granby Road Race.

- ✓ **Website Development:** An interactive website devoted to the Youth Service Bureau was developed and linked to the Town of Granby website. The link www.togyouthservicebureau.weebly.com offers program information, interactive registration materials, information about staff, and links to other town departments that serve the youth and families of Granby.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **W.O.W.! (Women on the Way!)** - an experiential group for high school age girls provided 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors.
- ❖ **G.O.! (Guys Only)** - an action oriented group for 6th and 7th grade boys offered throughout the spring, summer, and fall. This program brings together youth from Granby and East Granby, as well as Hartford Open Choice students in a non-competitive, positive environment where diversity, acceptance, communication, and social skills are emphasized. Former participants serve as program assistants, developing leadership skills, patience, and communication.
- ❖ **Kids Play You Stay** - a drop-in-group for pre-school age children and their parents or caregivers. Run collaboratively with the Granby Early Childhood Council, this popular program was relocated to Holcomb Farm last year and continues to grow. With an average attendance of 30 pre-school age children, this is a combination play group, early intervention screening opportunity, and a parent resource program.
- ❖ **Project Reserved** - Focused on building confidence and reducing anxiety for girls preparing to

enter middle school in the 2014/2015 school year. This successful program will continue during the upcoming school year as a featured after school program.

- ❖ **Play By The Rules** - (PBR) a nationally developed curriculum designed for middle school students was conducted for 12 middle school boys. The ten session class covers CT state laws and policies that pertain to youth.
- ❖ **QPR (Question, Persuade & Refer)** - Suicide Prevention was a focus for the year. Five QPR trainings were held, targeting groups of school staff, parents, and coaches.
- ❖ **Teens in Transition** - an after school yoga class for young teens and preteens, that focuses on positive self-image, stress management, and wellness.
- ❖ **Women's Divorce Support Group** - a weekly support group facilitated by a Youth Service Bureau Clinician.
- ❖ **Love and Logic Parenting Class** - a six-week, easy-to-learn parenting program that teaches parents how to provide loving support, enjoy their children, and teach their children responsibility. Class sessions are offered throughout the year. Babysitting is provided by members of our Youth Employment Service.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services	
Total children served	115
Total clinical hours	1,393
Youth Programs	339 youth
Parent Programs	104 Adults
Preschool Programming	96 children
Community Events	8 events, 415 youth, 440 adults
Youth Employment Service	27 youth, 31 referrals

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 1,047 permits with a constructed value of \$8,618,529 during Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The number of permits issued increased over the previous year, with a slight increase in new homes. Remodeling and additions remained steady. In addition to services provided to Granby residents, the department also provides inspection services by contract to the Town of Hartland. This fiscal year the Building Department issued 119 permits in Hartland. The department participates in a mutual aid agreement with the East Granby, Suffield,

Simsbury, and Canton Building Departments. This agreement provides valuable support during vacation periods and emergencies.

In addition to administering and enforcing the provisions of the Connecticut State Building Code our department provides administrative support to the Community Development Office, Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, Wetlands Agent, and several of the land use boards and commissions. The Building Official also serves as Zoning Enforcement Officer, and is responsible for reviewing applications for com-

pliance with the Zoning Regulations and responding to complaints regarding these regulations.

The Building Department encourages residents and contractors to contact us to discuss plans for proposed projects and with any related building code questions. The Department maintains files containing valuable information on most buildings constructed in modern times, which can be useful in the planning process. The goal of the Department is to ensure a safe-built environment for all of Granby's citizens.

<i>Building Permits Issued</i>	<i>Number of Permits</i>	<i>Total Construction Cost</i>
New	11	2,372,864
Mechanical Permits	586	1,808,740
All other Permits	450	4,436,925
	1,047	8,618,529

<i>New Home Permits</i>			<i>All Other Permits</i>			
Year	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Total
2013-14	11	2,372,864	1,036	6,245,665	1,047	8,618,529
2012-13	6	1,133,463	1,009	6,509,222	1,015	7,642,685
2011-12	3	744,000	1,022	8,453,823	1,025	9,197,823
2010-11	5	966,411	767	5,927,285	772	6,893,696
2009-10	6	1,107,670	684	6,473,963	690	7,581,633
2008-09	3	569,290	748	6,037,500	751	6,606,790
2007-08	6	1,177,285	694	5,616,295	700	6,793,580

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

The Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) is the local health department for the Town of Granby.

Enforcing CT General Statutes, the Public Health Code, and FVHD regulations are an important part of our work to ensure that the public's health is protected when eating out, swimming in a public pool, going to a salon, or drinking water from a private well. This year we were able to increase required food service inspections by 20% by adding a new Environmental Health Inspector. FVHD staff also responded when homes were impacted by run-off from nearby farmland providing private well testing and consultation on clean-up. In support of the Granby Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), FVHD provided training on safe food handling during shelter operations. CERT is an important asset to Granby in emergency response activities.

The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year.

Permits Issued:

Food Service Establishments	46
Temporary Food Service.	39
Salons	10
New Septic	10
Septic Repair	43
Well	12

Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:

New Septic	27
Septic Repair	127
Public Bathing	14
Food Service Establishments	94
Complaints (ALL)	7
Salons	10
Day Care	3

As your local health department, we serve as subject matter experts in disease prevention and health promotion. FVHD representatives participate on the Granby School Wellness Committee with a focus on promoting health and wellness in the school environment. Providing factual educational resources and tools on important public health topics and disease prevention is an important part of the work that FVHD does. This year we redesigned and updated the website to make it more user-friendly. The new page includes more content including links to additional resources. We also created a Facebook page enabling us to rapidly share information. Visit us at www.fvhd.org.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

In keeping with the long standing history of the Farmington Valley VNA of promoting health and wellness in the community and providing home health and Hospice care to the residents of Granby, we are pleased to report another successful, but challenging year. Our Agency is proud that it continues to operate as a non-profit, independent VNA that is not owned, operated or otherwise managed by a hospital or large health care system. We are working diligently to retain this structure and the historical, charitable mission that the Farmington Valley VNA has carried out since 1908. Our committed staff and Board of Directors remain focused on the values and proven benefits of a smaller, local and engaged non-profit health care provider among the alarming trends of mega consolidations of Connecticut hospitals and health care providers with out of state and for profit corporations.

Despite aggressive competition with these systems and for profit home health and Hospice providers, our Agency continues to operate efficiently and effectively. Even with flat or decreasing state and federal reimbursement for services, and significant budgetary constraints, the Farmington Valley VNA has attained remarkable accomplishments. Our patient care and quality outcomes exceed state and federal benchmarks and we are honored to have been designated, for the second year in a row, as a '2013 Home Care Elite' home health provider. This is an independent compilation of the most successful home care providers in the United States. Our Agency ranked in the top 100 nationally and is one of only two agencies in Connecticut that attained this designation. This prestigious designation is the result of outstanding patient care outcomes, quality improvement measures, patient experiences, and financial management.

So many people have been positively touched, in some way, by our organization. Blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following surgery, illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the community, and compassionate Hospice services when caring for a terminally ill loved one in the home ~ these are just a few examples of the ways the Farmington Valley VNA has benefited local residents of all ages. A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing including a Congestive Heart Failure management program, early rehabilitation protocols after total joint replacements, and diabetes education and management.

The Agency's Community Programs Department also provides an outstanding level of quality services with a focus on illness prevention, education, and maintaining good health. More than 2,900 Granby residents participated in a blood pressure screening, immunization program, health and wellness screening or educational program offered in the past year. The flu immunization program has been negatively affected by competing services now offered by pharmacies, urgent care facilities, and national home health franchises. However, residents often return to the Agency to receive their flu shot as they appreciate the VNA's nurses' knowledge of the immunization being given, education they provide, and the personalized attention they receive from an engaged and caring health professional. The Agency has also expanded adult vaccine administration to include Zostavax (the shingles vaccine) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) due to the rising incidence of shingles among the middle age population and waning childhood vaccinations resulting in a greater incidence of Whooping Cough (Pertussis).

The Farmington Valley VNA's Granby Food Bank Program continues to operate successfully thanks to generous support from local residents, businesses, service organizations, and churches. The number of participants continues to rise with 1,350 visits and 2,533 bags of food distributed, reflecting a 19% increase in food distribution. The Food Bank Program hours are coordinated on Tuesdays so that participants may also benefit from the Foodshare Truck at the South Congregational Church from which they receive fresh produce and other perishable items. This has been a valuable partnership in helping to meet the essential food and nutritional needs of Granby residents and families.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to maintain a contract with the Granby Board of Education to provide School Health Services in the Granby Public School System. This has been a long-standing and positive arrangement, which assures that students and Board of Education employees receive high quality health care services during the school year and summer school sessions.

Despite the growing complexities of retaining its independence and local presence, the Farmington Valley VNA is pleased to be an integral and vital part of Granby's community, and remains committed to high quality health care delivery to Granby residents and families.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2013-2014 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 12 regular meetings. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permits and requests for site plan approvals, zoning amendments and changes, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions, made site visits, established a fee in lieu of open space, and acted on various matters as required. This year member Paul Lambert resigned from the Commission after serving admirably for many years. He was replaced by Mark Lockwood, who has quickly become another outstanding community volunteer. Due to the recent Town Charter change, for the first time the Commission has two alternate members, Christine Chinni and Stephen Royer. They have quickly proven to be a benefit to the Commission as well.

For a complete review of all commission activities please visit the Granby Web site at http://www.granby-ct.gov/Public_Documents/GranbyCT_Min/GranbyCT_PlanMin/, where the minutes of each meeting can be reviewed.

In this fiscal year the Commission took in 13 new applications. Of these, one was pending, one was withdrawn, and the remainder were approved. The revenue generated from these applications for the town was \$3,376. An additional \$1,430 was forwarded to the state as required. One new building lot was approved during this fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2013-2014 the Commission:

- Approved a special permit for an accessory apartment on Wolcott Drive.
- Approved a zone change on Quarry Road from R50 to R30.
- Modified a previously approved site plan for Valley Brook Community Church, Granville Road
- Modified the approval for the Greenway Village Apartment complex.
- Approved a special permit for home instruction on East Street.
- Approved a modification to the Dunkin Donuts site plan.
- Approved an addition to Mary's Kitty Corner, Salmon Brook Street.
- Approved an alcoholic beverage permit for 10 Hartford Avenue.
- Approved an addition for Beman's Hardware store.
- Approved a site plan for an industrial building at 566 Salmon Brook Street
- Approved a special permit for an outbuilding on Clemon's Spring Road.
- Approved a special permit to allow the continuation of earth excavation for Tilcon, Inc., Salmon Brook Street.
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations which permitted up to eight units per acre within the PDM zone.
- Received and endorsed the Recreational Vehicles Subcommittee Report, dated August 30, 2013.
- Commented on Board of Selectmen referrals regarding the possible placement of ground mounted solar panels at 100 East Street and regarding the use of the town's Holcomb Farm property for the grazing of livestock.

In this year the Planning and Zoning Commission formed the Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee, which began to work on the re-write of the 2005 Plan. This year the Planning and Zoning Commission also formed the Earth Excavation Subcommittee, which began to work on a re-write of Section 9 of the Zoning Regulations.

The Recreational Vehicles Subcommittee, which the Planning and Zoning Commission had previously formed, completed their work. The Commission sincerely thanked the subcommittee members for the time and effort that they spent on behalf of the community. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously endorsed their report, dated August 30, 2013 and referred it to the Board of Selectmen.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer,
Barbarajean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer,
Jennifer L. Abalan

Assessor,
Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning
Enforcement Officer,
William R. Volovski

Chief of Police,
Carl G. Rosensweig

Collector of Revenue,
Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community
Development,
Francis G. Armentano

Director of Health,
Jennifer C. Kertanis

Director of Human Services,
KerryAnn O. Kielbasa

Director of Library Services,
Kathleen E. Marszycki

Director of Recreation
and Leisure Services,
Thomas J. Tyburski

Fire Chief,
John E. Horr, Jr.

Fire Marshal,
Joseph R. Killen

Director of Public Works,
Kirk A. Severance

Town Clerk,
Karen I. Hazen

Town Engineer,
Kevin W. Clark

Town Manager,
William F. Smith, Jr.

Treasurer,
Roger A. Hernsdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

B. Scott Kuhnly,
First Selectman

Ronald F. Desrosiers

Sally S. King

Mark C. Neumann

Edward E. Ohannessian

Board of Finance

Michael B. Guarco, Jr.,
Chairman

Gordon C. Bischoff

Francis J. Brady

Frederick A. Moffa, OD

Kelly O. Rome

Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education

Ronald S. Walther, Chairman

Jenny P. Emery

Mark H. Fiorentino

Lynn F. Guelzow

Melissa E. Migliaccio

Benjamin L. Perron

Rosemarie T. Weber

Planning & Zoning Commission

Paula H. Johnson, Chairman

Margaret A. Chapple

Charles O. Kraiza

Mark W. Lockwood

Eric Lukingbeal

James R. Sansone

Linda C. Spevacek

Planning & Zoning Commission Alternates

Christina L. Chinni

Stephen P. Royer

Town Moderator

John E. Adams

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman

Ann Crimmins

Judy A. Goff

Robert M. Lindeyer

William L. Percival

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Christopher M. Roughton

William P. O'Leary

Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals

Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman

Celia Eggert

James R. Sansone

Registrar of Voters

Sarah E. Thrall

Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Cynthia C. Becker

State Representative

William J. Simanski, 62nd District

State Senator

John A. Kissel, 7th District

Kevin D. Witkos, 8th District

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Richard M. Blumenthal

Christopher S. Murphy

APPOINTED BOARDS

Agricultural Commission

Michelle A. Niedermeyer,
Chairman

Pamela D. Burek

Stanley A. Hayes

John D. O'Brien

Erin S. Pirro

Ellen L. Whitlow

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick, Chairman

David B. Blanco

Lynne DeMatteo

Joanne R. Desrosiers

Karen H. Hood

Neil W. Kraner

Incy S. Muir

Dorothy M. Prior

Bruce W. Sullivan

Conservation Commission

Anna K. Sogliuzzo,
Chairman

Victoria K. Dirienzo

Susan F. Dwyer

Carolyn R. Flint

Eric W. Myers

William J. Sleavin

Lana M. Torres

Development Commission

Martin F. Schwager,
Chairman

James K. Caldwell

Henry F. Garrett, Jr.

Kenneth O. Kuhl

Daniel O'Connell

Robert J. Rome

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli, Chairman

Wayne J. Cahoon

Neil W. Kraner

Aurelle S. Locke

Craig W. Perry

Deborah A. Sheahan

Richard J. Van Nostrand

Library Board

Lynn G. Lochhead, Chairman

Carol Y. Bressor

Robert P. Donna

Maureen Eberly

Judy A. Goff

Judith A. Guarco

Patricia M. Jones

Patricia L. Kennedy

Jennifer N. Pizzanello

Park & Recreation Board

Brigid R. Gunn, Chairman

Jennifer P. Bilodeau

L. Squire Bressor

Susan M. Lasotta

Abigail D. Roughton

Kathy D. Ungerleider

Suzanne L. Yucha

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	860-844-5335	
Assessor*	860-844-5311	
Building Official*	860-844-5318	
Community Development*	860-844-5318	
Cossitt Library Branch	860-653-8958	Tuesday
		10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
		3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
		Thursday
		10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
		3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
		Sat.
		12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
Farmington Valley Visiting		
Nurse Association –		
Granby Office	860-653-5514	Weekdays
Granby Public Library	860-844-5275	Mon. & Wed.
Children's Room	860-844-5284	Tues.
		Thurs.
		Fri. & Sat.
		Sun. (Nov.-March) ..
Granby Senior Center	860-844-5352	
Landfill Hours		Saturday
Police Department	860-844-5335	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
POLICE EMERGENCY	911	
Probate Court	860-658-3277	Simsbury Regional Probate District
		Mon. - Thurs.
		8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
		Friday
		8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		Weekdays
		8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Public Works Facility	860-653-8960	Wed.
Recreation Office	860-653-8947	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Registrar of Voters	860-844-5300	Weekdays
Social Services	860-844-5351	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Superintendent of Schools	860-844-5250	
Kearns School	860-844-3044	
Kelly Lane School	860-844-3041	
Wells Road School	860-844-3048	
Middle School	860-844-3029	
High School	860-844-3014	
Tax Collector*	860-844-5315	
Town Clerk*	860-844-5308	
Town Engineer	860-844-5318	
Town Manager*	860-844-5300	

MEETING TIMES

Agricultural Commission	
Second Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (Jan., Mar. & Nov.)
	8:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (May, Jul. & Sept.)
Board of Education	
First and Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Central Office*
Board of Finance	
Fourth Monday	7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Selectmen	
First and Third Monday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals	
During the Month of March	Call Assessor for Dates and Times
Commission on Aging	
Second Monday	1:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Conservation Commission	
Second Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission	
Second Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Granby Library Board	
Second Monday	7:00 p.m. Granby Public Library/Cossitt Library
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	
Second Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Park & Recreation Board	
First Tuesday	7:00 p.m. The Park House at Salmon Brook Park
Planning & Zoning Commission	
Second and Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	
Second Wednesday	4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Third Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall

*Call BOE for possible changes

* Town Hall Offices are open Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.,
Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or by appointment

TOWN OF GRANBY

2015 Bi-Weekly Recycling Pickup Schedule

(recycling weeks indicated by shaded areas)

Trash and Recycling barrels must be curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on your regular collection day.

January 2015 New Year's Day - 1/1/15						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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February 2015 No holidays this month						
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March 2015 No holidays this month						
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May 2015 Memorial Day - 5/25/15						
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June 2015 No holidays this month						
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July 2015 Independence Day - 7/4/15 (Saturday)						
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September 2015 Labor Day - 9/7/15						
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November 2015 Thanksgiving - 11/26/15						
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December 2015 Christmas - 12/25/15						
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Paine's 2015 observed holidays

Thursday, January 1, 2015 - New Year's Day
Monday, May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day
Monday, September 7, 2015 - Labor Day

Thursday, November 26, 2015 - Thanksgiving
Friday, December 25, 2015 - Christmas

Trash/recycling will be delayed by one day if your regular trash day is on or after the holiday.

CALENDAR NOTES:

As required by Town Charter, the 2013-2014 Annual Report has been incorporated into a 2015 town calendar. The 2014 Reports were contributed by Town Departments and Town Agencies and was designed and edited by Barbarajean C. Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer, Patricia I. Chieski, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager, and Susan B. Christian, Administrative Assistant. We hope you find the calendar and information useful.

Cover design pictures show a partial history of Granby Town Halls. The first picture (courtesy of Salmon Brook Historical Society) shows the Town Hall, built in 1903. It was also used as a school for several years. This building was sold to the Grange around 1948. The second picture (courtesy of Salmon Brook Historical Society) is the old Loomis Store. Town Hall was located here from about 1948 until 1951. This building also housed the Town Clerk's Office and town records, as well as the Center Post Office, for many years. This building was torn down in 1975. The third picture (courtesy of Salmon Brook Historical Society) shows the Town Hall from 1951 through 1964. The building is located in back of the South Congregational Church and was known as Center School at the time. Once the present building was built, this building was used as a school and was known as the Old Town Hall Kindergarten. The present building, through the generosity of Tudor Holcomb, was constructed in 1964. Renovations and an addition were made in 2000.

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